

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: Ruhl-Akehrst House Inventory Number: BA-2037

Address: 16820 York Road City: Monkton Zip Code: 21111

County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Hereford, MD

Owner: Peter Carroll

Tax Parcel Number: 55 Tax Map Number: 22 Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: Hereford Tower Project Agency: FCC

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☒ no ☐ yes Name of district: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed? ☒ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☒ no ☐ yes District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form; Rotenstein 2000

**Description of Property and Eligibility Determination:** *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

This property is a farmstead consisting of a house, springhouse, and barn. The house is a 2½-story frame vernacular building constructed on a masonry wall foundation and measuring three bays by three bays. The house is an I-house with a rear gable ell and there is a rear shed-roof enclosed porch. The principal façade has a hip-roof porch with turned posts. There are wood double-hung sash (6/6 lights) windows and a brick internal chimney. The roof is clad by standing seam metal and the house is clad by wood drop siding. There is a gable-front stone springhouse located west of the house and a vertical-plank barn with a standing seam metal gable roof located south of the house. There is a shed roof addition on the eastern side of the barn.

According to the MIHP form completed for this property in 1980, the house was built between ca. 1877 and 1883 for Henry Ruhl. The property appears to retain little of its architectural integrity and does not appear to be associated with any significant individuals or events in Hereford's history. This property appears to be not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Prepared by: David S. Rotenstein

Date Prepared: 09/07/2000

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed, Office of Preservation Services

Reviewer, NR program

Date

Date

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2037

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Ruhl-Akehurst House  
other Bull House

### 2. Location

street and number 16820 York Road not for publication  
city, town Monkton vicinity  
county Baltimore

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Peter Carroll  
street and number 16820 York Road telephone  
city, town Monkton state MD zip code 21111

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 22-55  
city, town Towson liber 1125 folio 206

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☒ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	3
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	3
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent

☐ good

☒ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☒ altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	other:

Specific dates 1875-1950

Architect

Construction dates 1875

Builder

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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### HISTORIC CONTEXT

#### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Historic Period Theme(s):

Resource Type:

Category:

Historic Environment

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Known Design Source:

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Baltimore County Council (1991); Brooks, N. A., and E. G. Rockel (1979); Clemens and Clemens (1983); McGrain (1980)

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>2.26 acres</u>		
Acreage of historical setting	<u>2.26 acres</u>		
Quadrangle name	<u>Hereford, MD</u>	Quadrangle scale	<u>1:24,000</u>

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries for this property conform to the tax parcel boundary: Map 22, Parcel 55.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	David S. Rotenstein, Ph.D./Historian		
organization	URS/Dames & Moore	date	09/07/2000
street and number	7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700	telephone	301-652-221
city or town	Bethesda	state MD	zipcode 20814-4870

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600







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Ruhl-Akehurst House

Bull House

116820 York Road

Baltimore County, Maryland

David S. Rotenstein

8/23/2000

MD SHPO

View of the Ruhl-Akehurst House, to the  
southwest.



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Ruhl-Akehurst House

Bull House

16820 York Road

Baltimore County, Maryland

David S. Rotenstein

8/23/2000

MD SHPO

View of the Ruhl-Akehurst House Springhouse,  
to the southwest.

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Ruhl-Akehurst House

Bull House

16820 York Road

Baltimore County, Maryland

David S. Rotenstein

8/23/2000

MD SHPO

View of the Ruhl-Akehurst House barn, to  
the west.

BA 2037

RUHL-AKEHURST HOUSE/ BULL HOUSE

1877-1883

HEREFORD

PRIVATE

This house is first found in the 1877 atlas on a lot where only \$100 worth of structure had been found the year before. It was probably built for Henry Ruhl, who sold a substantial house to James Armacost in 1883. A long series of owners had this house, shown as 14 by 16 and 16 by 34 feet in the 1918 tax list when John E. Foster was owner. This is a two-story, vernacular style, frame house, covered with white composition shingles. The overall plan is T-shaped. There is a front porch of almost full-width, also a side porch on the south. This house is the southernmost anchor of the built-up part of Hereford on the west side of York Road.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC RUHL-AKEHURST HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

Bull House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

16,820 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Hereford

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Beulah B. Bull

Telephone #: 357-5248

STREET &amp; NUMBER

528 Monkton Road

CITY, TOWN

Monkton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21111

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: RRG 4372

Folio #: 70

STREET &amp; NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ruhl-Akehurst house is a vernacular style structure of frame, two stories plus attic, with a three-bay, one-story entrance porch; its rear wing produces a T-shaped overall design. The house faces York Road, the last significant structure south of Everett Avenue at the lower end of the village of Hereford. The main (east) facade is three bays wide. The porch is hip-roofed, embracing most of the main facade but not the full width of the house. The roof is supported by four square posts in front, by two recessed posts at the rear corners. The deck is wood, one step above grade. The porch is railed with plain square balusters. On the north and south ends, low stone foundations support the deck. The main door is paneled, protected by a contemporary wooden storm door of eight lights. The door is in the center, producing a center-hall plan. On either side of this entrance are two double-hung sash windows of 6-over-6 format, fitted with louvered shutters. The three bays on the floor above have three windows of identical design opening over the porch roof.

The south gable end of the house is two bays deep, with double-hung sash windows of 2-over-2 format in both positions at first-story level, and one similar window at second-floor level, set in the bay nearest the street (the east bay). The gable peak contains two square attic windows of four lights each. The north gable end of the main block is identical to that on the south.

The roofing of the main block is gabled; covering is standing-seam tin, painted black. The eaves overhang noticeably on the gable ends but there are no eave returns. There are two inside end chimneys in the main block.

The rear wing of the house is gable-roofed, frame construction, two bays deep. On the southside of the house, a one-story side porch with a shed roof of standing-seam sheet metal, probably tin, fills in the corner or inside angle between the main block and rear wing. The deck is six steps above the level of the side yard. The porch roof is supported by round and recessed posts and the porch is railed with scroll-sawn balusters of Victorian design.

The northside of the rear wing is two bays at first-story level, one at the second story. There is an enclosed one-story porch along this side, and there is a side door and one small window of four lights.

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The entire house is covered with white composition shingles.

Foundation is stone, about two feet of it visible on the south-side of the main block, where a cellar window can be seen, a 3-over-3 double-hung sash window.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	__ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__ COMMUNITY PLANNING	__ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__ RELIGION
__ 1400-1499	__ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__ CONSERVATION	__ LAW	__ SCIENCE
__ 1500-1599	__ AGRICULTURE	__ ECONOMICS	__ LITERATURE	__ SCULPTURE
__ 1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__ EDUCATION	__ MILITARY	__ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__ 1700-1799	__ ART	__ ENGINEERING	__ MUSIC	__ THEATER
X 1800-1899	__ COMMERCE	__ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__ PHILOSOPHY	__ TRANSPORTATION
__ 1900-	__ COMMUNICATIONS	__ INDUSTRY	__ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1877-1883

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ruhl-Akehurst house is not found on the 1850 map by Sidney nor in the 1852 Assessment. When Ruth Rowe sold Edward C. Royston two acres for \$210 in 1855, the low price would not have allowed for a substantial dwelling, nor would the \$300 price tag in the sale of 1866 from Royston to William Fugate. (1, 2) Another transaction of 1874 between Henry Ruhl and Sarah Akehurst showed more than four acres changing hands for \$350. (3)

However, the 1876 Tax Assessor's Field Books shows Henry Ruhl with a lot of five acres and \$100 worth of improvements. (4) The 1877 atlas showed the H. Ruhl house at this point. Whether that house increased in value or was replaced is not certain, but in 1883 Ruhl and various Armacosts conveyed the four-plus acres to James Armacost and wife for \$1400, a considerable jump in value. (5) The following spring, the Armacosts sold to Jacob Miller and wife for \$1400. (6) Jacob Miller and wife sold to Melchoir Armacost in 1891 for \$1,190. (7)

Melchoir Armacost sold the same two lots to Irene Daily Walter in 1909 and the 1911 tax ledger showed Mrs. Walter with a house worth \$700. (8) In 1915, William W. Walter and wife, Irene D. Walter sold to John E. Foster, prominent local storekeeper. (9) The 1918 tax ledger showed Foster with, inter alia:

4 7/10 a. in Hereford on W. side of York road adj S. H. Miller N. & Dr. Mitchell S. @ \$70 Per Acre		329
Dwelling	14 x 16 16 x 34      2 stories	883
Barn	22 x 26	137
5 Outbuildings		75. (10)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

Foster sold in April 1918 to Henry Burk and wife; they sold in 1919 to John H. and Detta C. Pocock. (11) The Pococks sold in 1927 to Clarence E. Pocock, who conveyed back to Detta C. Pocock in 1932; Detta C. Pocock conveyed back to Clarence E. Pocock the same day in a straw-party operation, but the deed was not recorded until 1955. (12) Ethel Pocock Rudiger, widow, inherited the place and in 1959 sold to Walter S. Ruhl. Walter S. and Lesba G. Ruhl in a few months conveyed to Levering V. Ruhl and Beulah B. Bull. (13)

Mrs. Beulah B. Bull became sole owner in 1964 but is not the occupant. This plain house is part of the typical small town scenery of Hereford, but all its owners are missing from the annual directories of town craftsmen and shopkeepers, and it has little history other than a succession of titleholders. (14)

## NOTES:

1. Baltimore County Deeds, GHC 29:382.
2. B.C. Deeds, GHL 50:26.
3. B.C. Deeds, JB 100:281.
4. Assessor's Field Book, District 7, 1876, n.p.
5. B.C. Deeds, WMI 137:350.
6. B.C. Deeds, WMI 140:93.
7. B.C. Deeds, JWS 184:466.
8. B.C. Deeds, WPC 341:138. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1911, f. 752.
9. B.C. Deeds, WPC 488:370.
10. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 576.
11. B.C. Deeds, WPC 495:409; also, WPC 517:526.
12. B.C. Deeds, GLB 2698:288.
13. B.C. WJR 3581:208; also, WJR 3628:476.
14. B.C. Deeds, RRG 4372:70.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

RUHL-AKEHURST HOUSE

Baltimore County Deed Books and Tax Ledgers.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.29**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Rectangular parcel fronting 247.5 feet on westside of York Road with approximate depth of 394 to 400 feet. (Map 22, P55).

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**STATE NONECOUNTY NONE

STATE

NONE

COUNTY

NONE**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE

March 26, 1980

STREET &amp; NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

494-3495

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

RUHL-AKEHURST HOUSE BA 2037

U.S. G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad  
HEREFORD

STATES  
OF THE ARMY  
ENGINEERS

11 NW  
REED

356

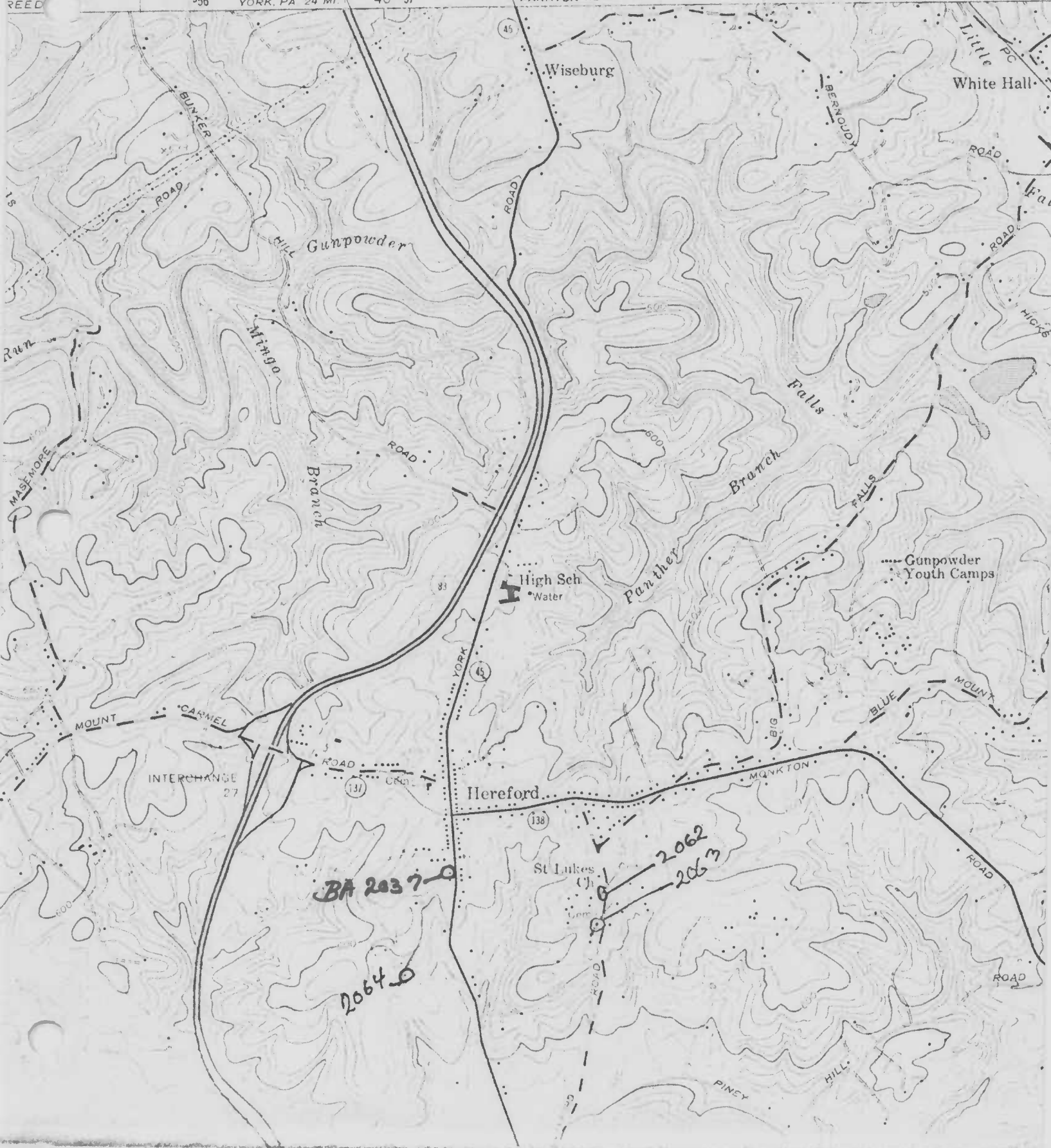
YORK, PA. 24 MI.

40' 357

YORK, PA. 24 MI.  
PARKTON 1.2 MI.

900 000 FEET

360





RUHL-AKEHURST HOUSE BA-2037

Baltimore County, Maryland

J. McGrain OCT 1979

Neg. located at MHT

Main (east) facade & north end





RUHL-AKEHURST HOUSE      BA 2037  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain      OCT 1979  
Neg. located at MHT  
Main (east) facade & south end